



CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date below.

Brenda Matraji
Brenda Matraji
Express Mail Label EV 424018041 US

PLEASE CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCIES OR CREDIT ANY EXCESS WITH THIS DOCUMENT TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 14-1263

JUL 20 2004
TECH CENTER 1600/2800

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney's Docket No.: 100717-502
(Bayer 10,139.3-KGB)

Applicant(s) : Thomas Krahm, Hagen, et al.
Serial No. : 09/966,522
Filed : September 28, 2001
For : Masking Background Fluorescence and Luminescence in the Optical Analysis of Biomedical Assays.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

07/16/2004 HLE333 00000079 141263 09966522

02 FC:1806 180.00 DA

1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, as it is filed:

Check one of the boxes A-D

A. Within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

B. Before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

C. After (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

Check one of the boxes "i" and "ii" below:

i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (a) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

ii. Please withdraw from Deposit Account No. 14-1263 the fee set forth in 1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180.

D. After (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee. Applicant petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) for the consideration of this IDS. A check for the fee set forth in §1.17(1), presently believed to be \$130 is enclosed. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (i) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS; or (ii) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, this IDS includes Form PTO-1449 which lists all patents, publications, and/or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of all documents listed is attached except US patents as explained below.

Check boxes A and/or B and fill in blanks, if appropriate:

A. Document(s) is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) _____ and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

[] B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

Application Serial No.:

Filed:

Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a new PTO-1449 listing these documents, and requests that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

[] 3. Document(s) are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states:

- [] An English translation of each document (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is found in the attached search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules, 1135 OG 13 at 20).
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is set forth as follows: *[Insert concise explanation of relevance]*
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ can be found on page(s) _____ of the specification.
- [] A concise explanation of document(s) _____ can be found on the attached sheet.

[X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary (documents are in English).

[] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

A Search Report, dated _____, which issued during the prosecution of Applicant's corresponding Patent Application No. _____.

6. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this IDS should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56 (b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item and Applicant reserves the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

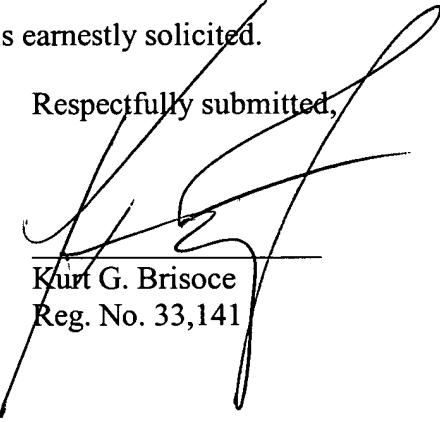
CROSS REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78 TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.79, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application is a Continuation Application of the following U.S. Patent Application:

(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____ entitled _____.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


Kurt G. Brisoce
Reg. No. 33,141

Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus P.A.
220 East 42nd Street - 30th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10017
telephone: (212)808-0700
facsimile: (212)808-0844



LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(Form PTO-1449)

Attorney Docket:
100717/502
(Bayer 10, 139.3-KGB)

Serial No.
09/966,522

Applicant:
Thomas Krahn, Hagen et. al.

Filing Date:
September 28, 2001

Group:
1641

JUL 20 2004

TECH CENTER 1600

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If appropriate
	AA	5,082,768	01/21/92	Burd, et. al.	435	7.92	
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes No
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						
	AO						
	AP						

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AR	Wan, et al., J. Immunol. Methods, 162, pp. 1-7 (1993)
AS	
AT	

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

- **EXAMINER:** Initial if Reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformation and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.
-